

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, December 24, 2018  
9:00 AM PST

**Day 1 Primary Hazards: Heavy snow across the northern Sierra Mountains and potential for flash flooding across parts of Northern CA.**

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# Key Points

12/24/18 - 12/30/18

## Monday – early Tuesday

- Minor coastal flooding possible along southern coastlines today.
- Rain, heavy at times, will continue across Northern California through early Tuesday.
- Flash Flood Watch is in effect for the Mendocino Complex burn scar from noon to 6pm
- **Rainfall rates are unlikely to reach critical thresholds across northern California, however they cannot be entirely ruled out with heavy rain and thunderstorms.**
- 6 to 12 inches of snow expected across the northern and central Sierra mountains through Tuesday afternoon.
  - Winter Storm Warnings and Advisories are in effect.
- Strong northerly winds will develop across extreme northern CA today.
- Westerly winds will be gusting over 50 mph with some gusts over 60 mph along the desert slopes in San Diego County, the Antelope Valley, the Santa Barbara South Coast, the Santa Clarita Valley and mountain locations Tuesday morning.

## Tuesday- Sunday

- Dry conditions expected Tuesday onward, except for the CA/OR border and extreme CA coastline where rain will be possible late week.
- Gusty offshore winds possible next Friday across SoCal.



# California Weather Impacts

12/24/18 - 12/30/18

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Northern	Interior/ Southern			Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	
<b>Snow</b>	Inland						
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>	Coastal						
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)</b>							
<b>Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)</b>							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>	Northern/ Inland						
<b>Extreme Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts

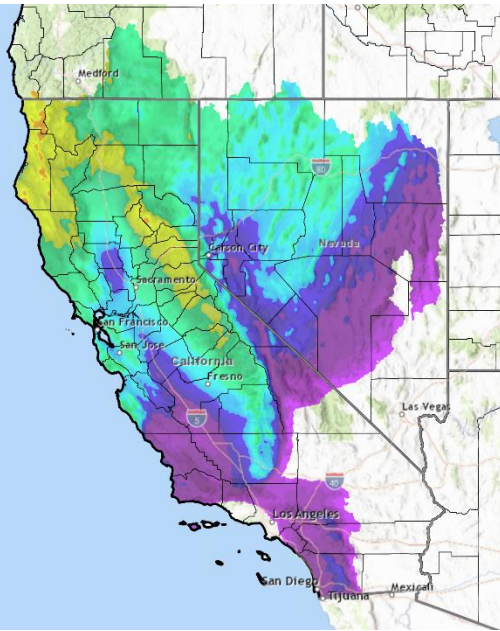


Moderate Impacts

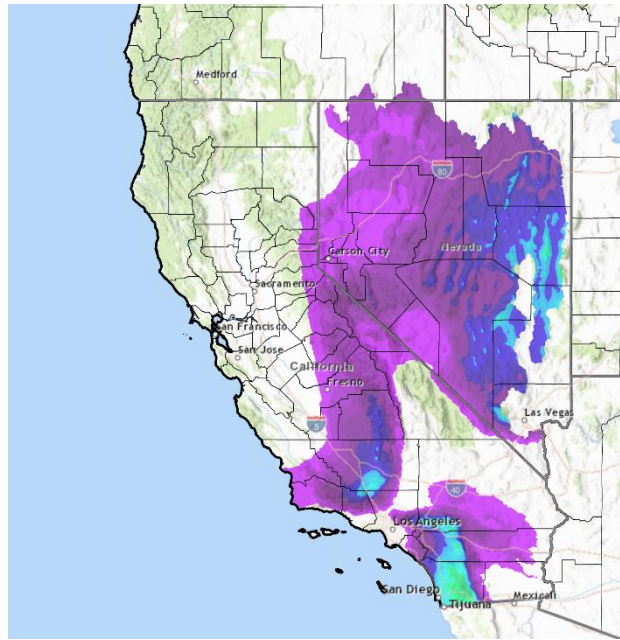


Severe Impacts

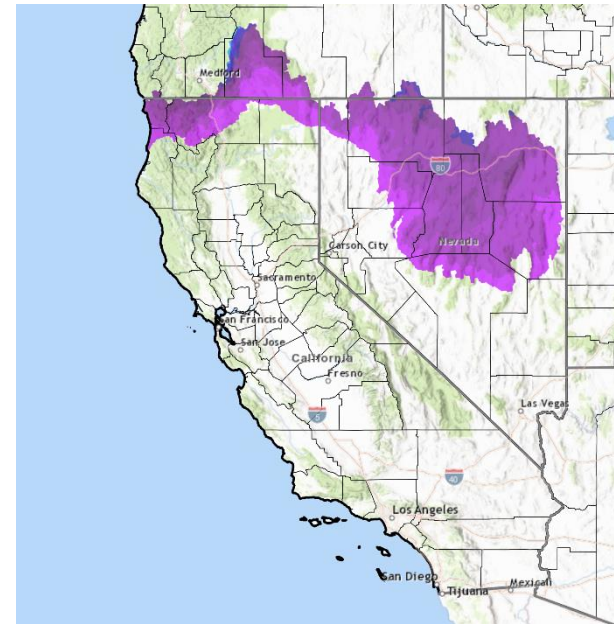
# Precipitation Forecast



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday

Precipitation (inches)



# 6-10 Day Outlook (Dec 29-Jan 2)

## Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are favored across the state with forecast confidence moderate.

## Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation is favored for much of the state, especially across northern parts of the state.

# 8-14 Day Outlook (Dec 31-Jan 6)

## Temperatures

- Near normal temperatures are favored across coastal parts of the state. Below normal temperatures favored across interior CA.

## Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation favored across much of the state, especially across the north.



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